

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1235

By Shepard

A RESOLUTION to recognize Carl Pettes on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry to provide the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Carl Pettes is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, after more than forty-two years of service as a dedicated professional within the Dickson County School System, Mr. Pettes will be taking a much deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, Carl Pettes first embarked upon his career as a teacher at Dickson Elementary School in 1968, and estimably served at Dickson Junior High School and Dickson Middle School before joining the faculty of Dickson County High School (DCHS) in 1999; and

WHEREAS, he received his Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Arts degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 1968 and 1972 respectively; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding educational leader, Mr. Pettes has served as Social Studies Department Chair at DCHS from 1999 to 2010, and, in addition to teaching Honors and AP American History, he has also served as Social Studies Dual Credit Instructor at DCHS; and

WHEREAS, Carl Pettes has also served as Adjunct American History Professor at the University of Tennessee at Martin from 2001 to 2010; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable career, Mr. Pettes has received numerous awards and accolades, including being named 1 out of 100 Outstanding Young Educators by the Subaru Corporation in 1986, selected as a finalist for Tennessee Teacher of the Year in 1987, and

being chosen by the State of Tennessee to study History in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia, as well as German/American relations in Germany as an Atlantik-Brücke Fellow in 2005; and

WHEREAS, he also attended the Strom Thurmond Institute of American Government at Clemson University in 1997, co-chaired the Dickson County Bicentennial Committee in 2003, and was named Dickson County Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Carl Pettes enjoys the loving companionship of his wife of thirty-nine years, Rosemary Pettes, and they are the proud parents of Bradley Carl Pettes, who is married to Micah Pettes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pettes is also the loving grandfather of three granddaughters: Kathryn Rose, Olivia Belle, and Margaret Ruth Pettes; and

WHEREAS, Carl Pettes exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Pettes has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Carl Pettes our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.